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—TO-DAY!
A Special Wash Goods Sale
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Our entire stock marked down to half and less than half original prices.

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Second Floor.

ALDERMEN FACE BUSY SESSION

Library, Free Bridge and City
Hall Annex Chief Problems
for Consideration.

OPPOSED TO MORE PATCHING

Strong Sentiment Favors Taking
Bull by Horns and Erect-
ing New Bridge.

Measures bearing upon the proposed municipal building on the Ford Hotel site, and the public library and the Free Bridge question, will be the center of the stage at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night. With the \$1,500,000 bond issue disposed of, and the \$1,000,000 creek improvement fairly under way, these three enterprises have succeeded as the big issues before the city's lawmakers.

In the case of the proposed municipal building no hitch in the proceedings is expected to-morrow night. A resolution will be reported to the Board for its approval appropriating \$1,000,000 to employ a consulting architect, whose first duty it will be to make a survey of the hotel lot and prepare a rough statement of the space that will be needed by the several departments which will be domiciled in the new building.

The resolution has the unanimous support of the special joint committee appointed to inquire into the necessity for a new municipal building on the Ford Hotel site. While the committee has so far not committed itself on the necessity of the proposed building, its recommendation that \$1,000,000 be appropriated for a consulting architect is taken to indicate its conviction that the building is needed.

COMMITTEE'S ACTION
It was apparent from comments on the committee's action heard Saturday and yesterday, that the purpose of the resolution recommended by it is not altogether clear. The committee was criticized, for example, for recommending the employment of an architect to prepare preliminary plans to which architects entering the final competition will have to conform closely in submitting their designs. It was pointed out that in this connection, that competing architects be permitted to follow their own fancy in the preparation of plans for the building.

The criticism is founded on a misunderstanding. The architect employed by the city in an advisory capacity will merely collect data on the space needed by the several courts and the auditorium and library, and will consult for this purpose the judges and clerks, as well as the local authorities, on the proposed library and auditorium. With this information tabulated he will prepare preliminary plans, which will be furnished to each competing architect as information upon which to base independent designs. The character of employing an advisory architect in the municipal building is well-established. It would be nothing short of impossible for an architect to prepare this information without a personal investigation of the lines indicated. Without such information to work upon, architects from a distance would be unable to prepare provision in their designs for the various departments, each requiring different treatment of the space, destined for courtroom and record space.

LIBRARY QUESTION
STILL UP IN THE AIR

The success of the Ford site building project will have an important bearing on the public library question. More than any other one factor for the movement for improving the city, the library question is, in the final analysis, a road block. The library plans now pending before the Finance Committee, the most discussed of the public library measures, proposing an appropriation of \$110,000 for the purchase of the Jeter Memorial Hall property belonging to Richmond College, is for the present in a moribund condition.

A possible alternative plan is fore-shadowed in a resolution introduced last Monday by the Finance Committee by Councilman Powell, directing an inquiry into the feasibility of converting the old high school, now occupied as a headquarters building by the School Board, into a municipal library. The resolution was passed by the Council by a vote of 17 to 2, under a suspension of the rules, and will come up to-morrow night before the Finance Committee.

PAVILION IN THE PARK
COSTS MUCH FOR PATCHING

The Ninth Street Free Bridge is again in the forefront as a Council topic. With the \$1,000,000 bond issue from an appropriation in the bond issue for disposal of a reconstruction of the bridge, the Administrative Board has awarded to H. L. Matthews a conditional contract for repairs to cost \$55,000. The contract cannot be signed until the Council appropriates enough money to make good the difference between the contract price and the amount available from the bond issue, and just here occurs the difficulty.

A resolution asking for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 was sent to the Finance Committee by the board. This amount would enable the board to sign the Matthews program, and would insure the keeping open of the bridge for traffic during repairs. The Finance Committee, however, recommended an appropriation of \$1,000,000, must be made for the bridge, asserting that if the Ninth Street bridge is closed, street car traffic will be demoralized. Chairman Whitford, of the Administrative Board, has given to a verbal assurance that the bridge will not be closed to street car traffic, and has indicated that he will appear before the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night and ask that the resolution recommended by the Finance Committee be recommitted for amendment.

Independent of this feature of the bridge problem, there has developed sharp division of opinion among city authorities as to the desirability of an extensive reconstruction of the City Engineer Bolling and Henry P. Beck are openly opposed to expending \$50,000 more, or thereabouts, on repairs to a structure which must in the not distant future give way to a new bridge, and are in favor of making only such repairs as are rendered necessary by the dictates of safety.

SUBURBS AND CITY GETTING TOGETHER

Annexation Proceedings Nearing
Their End in Henrico
Court.

GINTER PARK SEEKS OUTLET

Its Main Demand Is Direct Road-
way Into Heart of
City.

Indications that court proceedings in the annexation case will reach a speedy conclusion and that a compromise agreement between the city and the townships interested may be effected out of court were given added stimulus when it became known yesterday that several outside interests had taken a hand in the matter, as it relates to Ginter Park, and that they will seek to make an agreement with the city representatives in the near future. It was also discovered yesterday that Ginter Park is not opposed to annexation, but, as was stated in The Times-Dispatch last week, is merely taking a hand in the fight in order to secure concessions to which she feels entitled. Henrico County, through Attorneys Sue on, Sner and Lytle is now the chief contender against annexation, and during the recent court proceedings has made every effort to show that the city is not equal to the task of caring for its present territory, and therefore unable adequately to take care of any in addition. Chesterfield County has already reached an agreement with the city, North Richmond has indicated its intention of dropping from the fight, Barton Heights is agreeable to annexation, Ginter Park is merely seeking an agreement by which she will secure certain guarantees and with then consent, and Highland Park is understood to be similarly situated, willing to drop from the fight as soon as a compromise can be effected.

GINTER PARK FIGHTS

FOR TWO CONCESSIONS

There are two main points upon which Ginter Park has based its contentions against annexation, and, according to information secured through official sources yesterday, it is probable that both of these points will be conceded by Richmond. In brief Ginter Park desires that the bond issue for improvement to be made after annexation be made on a new assessment of property values rather than on that made in 1910. It is held that these values have increased nearly 50 per cent since 1910, and that it would be unfair to limit the bond issue to the comparatively small amount allowed by law if the present basis is used. The law allows an issue of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of valuation, and it is said the difference in amounts would total many thousands of dollars.

The other point upon which Ginter Park has been basing its fight in opposition to annexation is that a guarantee shall be given by the city to abolish the natural barrier between the suburb and the city, and what is caused by the Bacon Quarter Branch ravine. To accomplish this it will be necessary for the city to erect another bridge and to open Chambers Avenue direct to the city.

As the improvement would be a great one for the municipality, and would open to building a large area between Richmond and Ginter Park, it is the general belief of the city that the situation that Richmond will enter heartily into a compromise on these points.

CONFERENCES HELD DURING
CLUB OUTING ON RIVER

No official action was taken at the meeting held Friday at the Henrico Club, but the situation was thoroughly discussed, both then and at a later conference during the Business Men's Club outing on Saturday, and it is probable that some definite proposition will be made within the next few days. Concurrence on the part of the city in the case of Ginter Park would mean that the case would be practically closed, with the exception of Henrico, as most of the other townships are ready to accept an agreement between them at this point. The city would have considerable weight in bringing about a similar understanding between Henrico and Richmond.

Testimony during the past week's proceedings has shown that Richmond is well equipped to care for the additional territory which it seeks to acquire, and in but few instances has the county been able to show deficiencies on the part of the municipality.

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Head of city departments have testified that Richmond is financially able to make any improvements, in the time required by law, which might be necessary, or which might be desired by the city. The testimony was given by the heads of the various departments, including the Police, Fire, and Public Works, and was given in response to questions asked by the court.

WEST END STATION PLAN AGAIN REVIVED

Merchants Renew Fight Against
Steam Car Tracks on
Broad Street.

OBJECT TO GRADE CROSSINGS

Council Committee to Wrestle With
Long-Deferred Proposition at
Meeting This Afternoon.

A long-deferred hearing on the resolution authorizing an inquiry looking to the removal of the railroad tracks from Broad and Belvidere Streets, scheduled to take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon before a subcommittee from the Council Committee on Streets, promises to awaken anew the slumbering movement for better passenger station facilities. The resolution was introduced more than a year ago by Councilman Vonderlehr.

The presence of the railroad tracks in West End Station has for years been a thorn in the flesh of downtown business men, who have repeatedly lodged complaint against the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company for blocking the street with its long and low trains. The controversy has frequently been aired in the Police Court.

An opinion rendered about a year ago by Attorney General Edward R. Tamm, that the city has the power to require the company operating the connection railway on Belvidere Street to abandon the grade crossing and to substitute an elevated crossing, has been the basis in the interest of public safety. According to the City Attorney, the city has full authority to regulate the manner in which the railroad passing through the city shall use the streets.

MAY ORDER COMPANY
TO GO UNDERGROUND

The connection railway has a perpetual franchise for its right of way along Belvidere Street. It has been held, however, by the United States Supreme Court in a South Bend, Ind., case that perpetual franchises are against public policy, and not enforceable. Under this ruling, it is held that the city would have the right, if no other adjustment could be reached, to revoke the ordinance under which the connection company is now maintaining its tracks at grade along Belvidere Street.

The agitation for the removal of grade crossings from Broad and Belvidere Streets bears a significant resemblance to the movement for better passenger station facilities, which reached an acute stage about a year ago. Negotiations of many months' standing gave way in the end to a plan proposed by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and Atlantic Coast Line Railroads, which provided for the erection of a joint passenger station between the city and Henrico, and the removal of the tracks at grade along Belvidere Street.

Despite the opposition of the Chamber of Commerce to the two-road West End station, a considerable portion of the council, as well as a majority of the Broad Street business men, received the plan with favor, and with the understanding that the two roads would proceed at an early date to build the station the agitation for the removal of grade crossings from Broad and Belvidere Streets was temporarily abandoned.

REVIVES PLAN FOR
WEST END STATION

The building of a joint passenger station in the West End would have removed the tracks from West Broad Street as a direct consequence. The connecting railway on Belvidere Street would have ceased to be a direct highway for passenger trains to the Byrd Street station, which, at the most, would have become but a local depot for the accommodation of trains between Richmond and Petersburg. The element of danger and delay which now exists at most of the objection to the connection railway would have been removed, and the track would probably have been permitted to remain for occasional use.

Although more than a year has passed since a magnificent drawing of the proposed West End station was exhibited to the Council, no discoverable action has been taken by the two railroad companies towards carrying their promises into effect, and the dissatisfaction that bore fruit in the Vonderlehr resolution is again in the forefront. The hearing to-day will be attended by representatives of the railroad affected, and promises to develop interesting consequences.

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VIRGINIA MILITIA IS ORDERED TO CAMP

Will Spend Ten Days in Severe Drill
Work Near Charlottesville.

DATE ADVANCED TO JULY 10

Regular Army Men Will Be Assigned
as Instructors for State Troops
During Manoeuvres.

Virginia militia—infantry, artillery and auxiliary troops—will go into camp for ten days, beginning either on July 10 or 12. Orders to this effect have been received by Adjutant-General W. S. Sale, and a site in the vicinity of Charlottesville is under consideration.

The new order supplants one issued three weeks ago, when the summer manoeuvres near Washington were called off, and a joint camp of Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland troops was ordered held in its stead. This latter plan has been abandoned, and individual camps substituted.

General Sale is planning to put the entire State force into the field, although the change in the dates, which was advanced from August to July, will cause some confusion, especially in the case of the militia, who had already made arrangements to take their vacations in the latter month in anticipation of their military duties. The Virginia authorities, however, had no intention of setting this date, and will make the best of the situation.

Regular army troops will be put into camp with the guardsmen. The War Department has ordered several companies to perform this duty, and they will go from State to State. West Virginia will be the first to receive the services of the regulars, going into camp on July 1, for ten days. Virginia will come next, and then Maryland. The regulars will be selected from every branch of the service, and will give practical instruction to the militia.

LOCATION OF CAMP
PROVES A SURPRISE

The decision to hold the camp near Charlottesville is somewhat of a surprise. The State has its own camp site at Virginia Beach, while the government has a suitable location near Winchester, and it was thought one of these places would be chosen. Charlottesville, however, being located in the pretty beautiful Piedmont section, will be an ideal place for such a camp in summer.

Lieutenant-Colonel Allen Potts, quartermaster-general, and Lieutenant-Colonel John Lane, inspector-general, have been detailed by General Sale to look the proposed camp grounds over. They left yesterday for Charlottesville, and will make their report early this week.

This will be the first time in years that the State forces in their entirety will be in camp together at one time. The militia has been in the Richmond Light Infantry Rifles to go to Basic City for several years, while other infantry commands were either at Culpeper, or at Virginia Beach. The militia has been in the Potomac, in Hanover County, and has never been in camp with the infantry, except at joint manoeuvres at Gettysburg, and at that time the Blues were excused from camp duty, and did not make the trip.

STATE WILL HAVE
3,000 MEN IN CAMP

Virginia will have nearly 3,000 men in the field. The infantry branch of the service has forty companies, of fifty-eight enlisted men and three officers, each; the artillery has three batteries, with a minimum of 100 men and five officers, while the auxiliary troops—the Signal Corps, the Hospital Corps—and other detachments will total several hundred more.

All but the act of entering a lunch room at Virginia and Mill Streets, Willie Johnson, colored, was arrested yesterday by a patrolman. Johnson, who is a member of the Virginia Militia, was arrested by a patrolman. Johnson, who is a member of the Virginia Militia, was arrested by a patrolman.

Brigadier-General C. C. Vaughan, commander of the First Brigade, Virginia Volunteers, was in Richmond yesterday, and spent the afternoon with General and Mrs. Sale. While his visit was more in the nature of a social call, a number of matters of importance to the militia were discussed. General Vaughan will be actually in command when the troops are in the field, being the ranking officer in the State.

Burglar Caught in Act

Caught in the act of entering a lunch room at Virginia and Mill Streets, Willie Johnson, colored, was arrested yesterday by a patrolman. Johnson, who is a member of the Virginia Militia, was arrested by a patrolman.

United States Depository for Postal Savings Funds

FREIGHT AGENTS WILL MEET HERE IN APRIL

American Association Selects Richmond as Most Progressive Convention City.

MANY RAILROAD MEN COMING

Selection Made by Officials Without Solicitation on the Part of Richmond Commercial Bodies.

The American Association of Freight Agents has selected Richmond as the 1915 convention city, and will gather here about 600 strong for a four-day stay during the last week of April. The selection of Richmond as the next meeting place was made without solicitation on the part of the city, and the capital of Virginia was chosen from the country at large, for the agents have long been recognized as an association which selects the city best adapted for the purposes of entertainment and for giving them the opportunity of seeing progressive places.

A circular letter addressed to H. L. King, local freight agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, informed him that the American Association had decided on this city as the 1915 meeting place. The local organization will make every effort to complete all details for the entertainment of the delegates long before the time arrives for their appearance here. It is said that the work of securing hotel accommodations and reservations will be begun at once.

The association is composed of freight agents located in towns throughout the United States, of more than 50,000 inhabitants, and in which there is a junction of more than two railroads. More than 200 delegates annually attend the convention and bring with them their families. The convention last year met in Houston, and has gathered in Denver, Pensacola, Niagara Falls, Kansas City and other cities as widely scattered as these.

Railroads having offices in the city selected for the convention contribute about \$200 each for the entertainment of the delegates. It is said, and the \$1,000 secured from the five railroads of Richmond will probably be increased by a further sum from the Chamber of Commerce and the city. If the efforts of the local committee are successful.

New Cop Helps in Raid.

Patrolman W. W. Collinsworth, who was elected to the police force on Friday night to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Captain Whitlock, figured in his first arrest early yesterday morning, when, with patrolmen Dunn and Schell, he took part in a raid on an alleged gambling resort on East Byrd Street. John G. Harris, the alleged proprietor of the place, was placed under arrest.

MILITARY WILL JOIN IN PROPHETS' PARADE

Grays, Howitzers and Signal Corps
Ordered to Report at
Armories.

PAMUNKEY INDIANS COMING

Will Present Tableau on Immense
Drill Floor of New Armory for
Benefit of Uniform Fund.

For the purpose of acting as escort to the Velled Prophets to-morrow night, the Richmond Grays' Battalion, the Richmond Howitzers and the Signal Corps have been ordered by their respective commanders to assemble in their armories at 6:15 o'clock, ready to take places in line. The Grays and Howitzers will both appear in full dress uniform, while the Signal Corps will wear its olive-drab outfits.

Major Lawrence T. Price and his ten officers, who have been at the camp of instruction at Fredericksburg, returned home on Saturday, and all are highly pleased with the affair, which was the best ever held in this State. The Grays' officers learned many points which would be of great benefit to their commands in case of actual service. Artillery officers will leave next month for a course of instruction at Ft. Totten, Pa.

PAMUNKEY INDIANS
TO GIVE TABLEAU

In addition to taking part in the parade to-morrow night, the Grays will have a busy week. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights the battalion will present Chief Cook and his Pamunkey Indians in a series of instructive tableaux, dealing with actual incidents of Colonial days, together with exhibitions of Indian customs, including dances, marriages and camp life.

The show will be held on the Immense drill floor, which will be arranged especially for the occasion. The proceeds from the entertainment will go toward the uniform fund. Captain A. B. Cousins is chairman of the committee in charge of the affair.

Hurt by Motorcycle.

Miss A. N. Tatum, of 23 South Laurel Street, was knocked down and badly injured yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the corner of Laurel and Franklin Streets by a motorcycle. Her collarbone was fractured, and she was seriously bruised. A passing automobile carried her home, where she was treated by her family physician. The motorcyclist, a white man, was also hurt, but in the excitement left without giving his name.

Say He Refused to Pay Fare.

S. Maxenbaum, fifty-nine years old, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of refusing to pay his fare on a Hull Street car while it was operating on South Richmond. L. Hazile, conductor, and S. P. Holder, motorman, are the complainants.

The Importance of Good Roads

Is being evinced more and more each day as the citizens of both country and city feel the necessity of quick and easy communication with each other. Between no two cities is this more keenly felt than Richmond and Petersburg. The great value of such a highway would not only be of benefit in the transaction of business of the two cities, but the citizens bordering such a road would receive the greatest service in sending their products to market.

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